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DIGITAL NETWORK MODEM AND CONFIGURATION SYSTEM FOR A
DIGITAL NETWORK MODEM

Field of the Invention

5 The present invention relates to a digital network modem, such as an ISDN or a DSL modem, and more particularly to a digital network modem having a modem address configuration system.

Background of the Invention

10 When installing new equipment to be connected to a network, such as a local area network (LAN), it is necessary to assign an (Internet protocol) IP network address to the new equipment, and a variety of methods for doing so are used. The most basic form of address management is to manually assign an IP address to the new equipment by directly setting or programming the network address at the new equipment using knowledge (i.e. a list) of IP addresses already used on the network, so as to be able to select a new and available address. The network manager or administrator is thus the "keeper" of the list of used addresses, and he or she is required to install any new equipment on the network. It is also common for the equipment to have a factory set IP address,

15 and for the network administrator to use the factory address if it is within the range of usable addresses on the network, and it is not already assigned to a different device. If the factory set address is not compatible with the range of addresses used on the LAN, it is necessary to change the IP address of the new equipment.

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To change the static IP address of new equipment to be compatible with the LAN requires an input interface. It is known to use a communications interface on the equipment to which a console can be connected to provide the input interface, and it is also known to use DIP switches on the equipment for setting

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the static address. These options either require considerable effort and/or extra equipment.

To facilitate the management of IP addresses in local area networks (LANs), it
5 is known to provide servers called dynamic host configuration protocol or
DHCP servers. These servers respond to requests from clients connected to the
network to receive assigned dynamic IP addresses for communication purposes
on the network. The advantage of using such a dynamic IP address assignment
is that new clients can be added easily, and the effort to manage the addresses
10 used on the network is reduced. In most cases, a DHCP server is provided by
software added to a network server.

While DHCP can be adapted for use in assigning static IP addresses, it is often
preferred to allow only the network administrator the ability to assign static
15 addresses. Static IP addresses are required by certain types of equipment,
usually network resource equipment, such as modems or servers.

When a network which was previously not connected to other networks or
when a network needs a faster or additional connection to other networks,
20 digital network modems are added to provide the desired connection. Network
modems, such as ISDN modems, are assigned a static IP address on the LAN.
When a DHCP server is provided on the LAN, clients on the LAN are assigned
their IP addresses and can recognize the modem as a router or gateway by
consulting the DHCP, and in this way, each client does not need to have prior
25 knowledge of any fixed IP address for the modem.

Computer networks are being installed in more and more residential, office and
industrial environments, and the increase in the number of such networks has
increased the need for skilled technicians required to configure and maintain

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such networks. While computer networks were very uncommon a few years ago for home users, it is now economically feasible and desirable to interconnect computer devices in a home environment. Any simplification of the task of network management is important from the perspective of both increased reliability and reduced training for the network manager.

5 The article by Loucks W M et al entitled "Implementation Of A Dynamic Address Assignment Protocol In A Local Area Network" and published in 1986 describes an implementation of a dynamic address assignment protocol in a local
10 area network using a nameserver for automatically assigning addresses to stations when the network is started.

10 An international patent application number WO 98 26548 to Archie L Cobbs and Jim Y Li describes a mechanism for an automatic configuration for an Internet
15 access device using static and dynamic addresses.

Summary of the Invention

It is an object of the invention to provide in a digital network modem a mechanism for initializing a static IP address for the modem on the LAN via
20 communication with a configuration station on the LAN.

According to the invention a network modem has an initialization control module for setting its static IP address remotely via the local network in response to a request by a configuration station. The configuration station sends a request on
25 the local network to the modem to obtain identification and static IP address from the modem, receives a response from the modem and displays the static IP address , accepts user input to set the static IP address, and sends a request on the local network to the modem to set the static IP address. The system allows a user to set the static IP address for the modem, configure the modem settings, as well
30 as the settings for the station. The system is easy to use and can work even if initial modem and configuration station communications parameters are incompatible.

The invention thus provides a network modem device configuration system connected to a modem via a local network, the system comprising a first module sending a request on the local network to the modem to obtain identification and static IP address from the modem, a second module receiving a response from the modem and displaying the static IP address, a third module accepting user input
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to set the static IP address, and a fourth module sending a request on the local network to the modem to set the static address. Preferably, the system further comprises a fifth module testing the static address on the network and, when the testing fails to validate operation of the static address for the modem, one of
5 displaying an error message and prompting the user to input new data for the static address. Preferably, the first module sends a broadcast discover message on the local network to the modem on a specific IP port to solicit a response identifying the modem, the second module receives and decodes a response from the modem to obtain the identification and static IP address, and the fourth
10 module broadcasts on the local network to the modem a message including the identification of the modem and an identification of the set static address.

Preferably, the system also comprises a parameter setting interface system allowing modem parameters to be set at the configuration system. The parameter
15 setting interface system may include a save and restore mechanism allowing the modem parameters to be saved in storage external from the modem and restored to the modem from the storage. The parameter setting interface system is preferably provided by a web browser displaying pages requested from the modem, and the system advantageously comprises a sixth module for launching
20 the web browser with an HTTP request addressed to the static address.

The configuration system according to the invention may be provided by software running in a client station connected to the local network. Therefore, the invention also provides a computer program product, as well as a method of
25 transmitting a data signal which comprises a computer program executable in the client station for providing the configuration system according to the invention.

According to a further aspect of the present invention, there is provided a method for initializing a static IP address of a network modem device on a local network,
30 comprising the steps of : broadcasting a request from a configuration station onto the local network; receiving a response to the request at the configuration station from the network modem device comprising an identification for the network modem device, the identification comprising at least an IP address for the network modem device; verifying a compatibility of the identification with settings for the local network; if the identification is compatible with the settings, send a confirmation message with the identification to the network modem device and receive a confirmation response from the network modem device; if
35 the identification is not compatible with the settings, send a new address message

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comprising a new IP address for the network modem device, receive a change of IP response from the network modem device, send a new address confirmation message with the new IP address to the network modem device and receive a new address confirmation response from the network modem device.

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All aspects of the invention can be provided as computer code means which carried out the steps of the methods or which embody the system once loaded in the client computer, the computer code means being embodied either as a computer readable medium or as an electrical or electro-magnetical signal.

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Brief Description of the Drawings

The invention will be better understood by way of the following detailed description of a preferred embodiment with reference to the appended drawings, in which:

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Fig. 1 is a schematic block diagram of the LAN ISDN modem according to the preferred embodiment connected to a LAN to which a configuration station and a network DHCP server are also connected; and

Fig. 2 is a flow chart illustrating the steps following in configuring and installing the modem using a configuration station.

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Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment

As illustrated in Fig. 1, the digital modem 10 according to the preferred embodiment is an ISDN modem having a plurality of functional components shown in Fig. 1. The separation of components illustrated in the separate blocks

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in Fig. 1 is for the purposes of illustration only, and does not necessarily reflect the physical separation of components in the real device which is built from both hardware and software/firmware components.

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In accordance with the present invention, the modem 10 may be installed in the network environment by assigning it an IP address either by direct connection or via the network. The address initializer module 14 provided in modem 10 communicates both with LAN interface 12 and a serial port in communication

with a console 15. The console 15 may be provided by a PC running a terminal program. The modem is preferably provided with a factory IP address (192.168.1.1) which is first tried. If the factory installed address is not usable, the following mechanism is used to install the modem 10 on the existing
5 network where the IP addresses are already defined. In the prior art, the network IP address for the modem was communicated to the modem by using a console connected to the modem by a serial port, and thus the IP address for the modem was not set through the network (it is also known in the art to allow the IP address to be set in the factory, by keyboard input or by DIP switches).

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The modem 10 must have a static IP address (i.e. a dynamic address from either DHCP server 28 or 16 is not to be used), and configuration station 24 is used in configuring the IP address for the modem 10 via the LAN 22. The configuration station 24 may have a static IP address or it may be a DHCP
15 client and have a dynamic IP address. A system tray or modem monitor program 26 in the configuration station is used to assign modem 10 its static IP address.

In the preferred embodiment, modem 10 communicates with configuration
20 station 24 either using HTML pages and an IP connection, or using menus with a terminal connection via LAN 22 or console 15.

As illustrated in Fig. 2, the steps involved in configuring modem 10 in the preferred embodiment can be described as follows. The modem 10 is connected
25 to LAN 22 and powered on. The modem has a factory set static IP address, and initializer 14 is able to communicate either with station 24 or console 15 to receive a command to change its address. When the address change is done using the station 24, the modem monitor 26 is used to determine, confirm and

set the static IP address in the modem 10 by communicating via LAN 22 with the initializer 14.

To communicate with modem 10 initially, the system tray 26 discovers the 5 modem 10 by sending a broadcast packet on a predetermined proprietary port 1440. If modem 10 and the configuration station 24 are not on the same sub- net, the system tray 26 can ask modem 10 to change its address to be on the same sub-net. The system tray 26 thus sends a proprietary discovery user datagram protocol (UDP) broadcast message to a predetermined port, (e.g. the 10 port chosen in the preferred embodiment is 1440, and thus the address is FF.FF.FF.FF:1440), which broadcast message is detected by initializer 14. In response to the broadcast, initializer 14 sends a reply broadcast message to port 1440, namely to address FF.FF.FF.FF:1440, including the MAC address of modem 10 in the packet. The modem monitor 26 then sends a broadcast packet 15 to port 1440 including in the packet the MAC address of modem 10 along with the static IP address to be used. Initializer 14 recognizes its own MAC address in the packet broadcast from the system tray 26 and sets the IP address for the modem 10 to the address contained in the packet.

20 In selecting the IP address for modem 10, the configuration station is equipped with software, namely utility programs called Wizards, to help the user of station 24 install modem 10 by finding an available address for modem 10 on network 22. Such programs provide a list of all used static addresses, as well as the range of addresses reserved for dynamic allocation. The address for 25 modem 10 must also be identified as a gateway or router and, in the preferred embodiment, as a domain name server (DNS) since modem 10 includes a DNS relay module 19. The system tray 26 has an interface allowing the network manager to enter an appropriate static IP address for the modem. The static address should be outside the range of DHCP addresses, or it should otherwise

be reserved as a static address. If station 24 is a DHCP client and get its address from DHCP Server 16, the modem IP address can be assumed to be correct. However, in all cases, a ping message is sent by station 24 to the defined IP address before setting the modem's IP address to ensure that it is unique and valid. At this stage, the entered static IP address is validated.

The configuration station 24 may also require to have its network setting adjusted as a result of the installation of the modem onto the LAN 22. As illustrated in Fig. 2, when the station 24 is a DHCP client, and there is no 10 DHCP server, it is necessary to enter a static address of the station 24, and the modem monitor 26 provides this interface. Likewise, changes to the DHCP status, DNS and subnet parameters, which are caused by the introduction of the 15 modem 10 can be set using the settings interface provided by the modem monitor 26. The modem monitor can also obtain information about the network, such as the status of DHCP servers on the network, by requesting the modem 10 to carry out communications task on the LAN 22, which the station 24, configured conventionally, can have difficulty carrying out itself. In this way, the modem 10 is used as a network resource for helping the modem monitor 26 perform its functions.

Once the static address has been confirmed, the modem monitor launches a web-based configuration interface for allowing the network administrator to set the modem parameters. The web-based interface, namely a web browser, is launched to automatically initiate an HTTP request to the validated IP address 25 of the modem. The modem parameters include the ISDN numbers, connection time parameters, external DNS addresses, activation of the internal DNS caching and listing functions, editing of the modem's DNS list, DHCP parameters for the built-in DHCP server 16, password data, etc. These parameters can optionally be saved at station 24 for back-up purposes, and the

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modem web-based configuration interface allows for both saving of these parameter to storage at station 24 as well as restoring of the parameters from storage at station 24.

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CLAIMS

1. A network modem device configuration system connected to a modem via a local network, the system comprising
 - 5 a first module sending a request on said local network to said modem to obtain identification and static IP address data from said modem,
 - a second module receiving a response from said modem and displaying said static IP address,
 - a third module accepting user input to set said static IP address, and
 - 10 a fourth module sending a request on said local network to said modem to set said static IP address.
2. The system according to claim 1, further comprising a fifth module testing said static address on said network and, when said testing fails to validate
 - 15 operation of said static address for said modem, preventing said fourth module from sending the request on said local network to said modem to set said static IP address, and one of displaying an error message and prompting said user to input new data for said static address.
- 20 3. The system according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said first module sends a broadcast discover message on said local network to said modem to solicit a response identifying said modem, said second module receiving and decoding a response from said modem to obtain said identification and static IP address, and said fourth module broadcasts on said local network to said modem a message
 - 25 including said identification of said modem and an identification of said set static address.
4. The system according to claim 2 or 3, wherein said broadcast message sent by said first and fourth modules, and received by said second module is
 - 30 transmitted on a proprietary port.

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5. The system according to any one of claims 1 to 4, further comprising a parameter setting interface system allowing modem parameters to be set at said configuration system.
- 5 6. The system according to claim 5, wherein said parameter setting interface system includes a save and restore mechanism allowing said modem parameters to be saved in storage external from said modem and restored to said modem from said storage.
- 10 7. The system according to claim 5 or 6, wherein said parameter setting interface system is provided by a web browser displaying pages requested from said modem, said system further comprising a sixth module for launching said web browser with an HTTP request addressed to said static address.
- 15 8. The system according to claim 5, 6 or 7, wherein said modem is an ISDN modem, said modem parameters are selected from said group consisting of DHCP configuration settings, DNS settings, and ISDN connection settings.
9. The system according to any one of claims 1 to 8, wherein said system is a client station, further comprising a seventh module allowing a network configuration of said station to be set in consideration of changes to said local network due to an addition of said modem to said local network.
- 20 10. A computer program comprising code means which when loaded into said client station provides said system according to any one of claims 1 to 9, embodied on a computer readable medium.
11. A computer program comprising code means which when loaded into a client station provides the system according to any one of claims 1 to 9, embodied as an electrical or electro-magnetical signal.

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12. A method for initializing a static IP address of a network modem device on a local network, comprising the steps of:

broadcasting a request from a configuration station onto said local network;

5 receiving a response to said request at said configuration station from said network modem device comprising an identification for said network modem device, said identification comprising at least an IP address for said network modem device;

10 verifying a compatibility of said identification with settings for said local network;

if said identification is compatible with said settings, send a confirmation message with said identification to said network modem device and receive a confirmation response from said network modem device;

15 if said identification is not compatible with said settings, send a new address message comprising a new IP address for said network modem device, receive a change of IP response from said network modem device, send a new address confirmation message with said new IP address to said network modem device and receive a new address confirmation response from said network modem device.

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13. The method according to claim 12, wherein said request by said configuration station comprises a broadcast message, and said identification comprises an IP address, a MAC address and an internal DHCP server status for said network modem device.

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14. The method according to claim 13, wherein said messages from said configuration station and said responses from said modem are sent on a proprietary port.

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15. The method according to claim 13 or 14, wherein said modem further comprises an integrated DHCP server, and said message sent from said modem further includes an activation status of said DHCP server.

5 16. The method according to claim 15, wherein said modem automatically detects a presence of a network DHCP server on said local network and disables said integrated DHCP server when a network DHCP server is present on said local network.

10 17. The method according to any one of claims 12 to 16, wherein said device is a digital network modem.

18. The method according to claim 17, wherein said device is an ISDN modem.

15 19. The method according to any one of claims 12 to 18, further comprising a parameter setting interface system allowing modem parameters to be set by remote connection via said local network.

20 20. The method according to claim 19, wherein said interface system is provided by a web host mechanism.

21. The method according to claim 20, wherein said web host mechanism provides for saving said modem parameters to, and restoring said modem parameters from, said remote connection.

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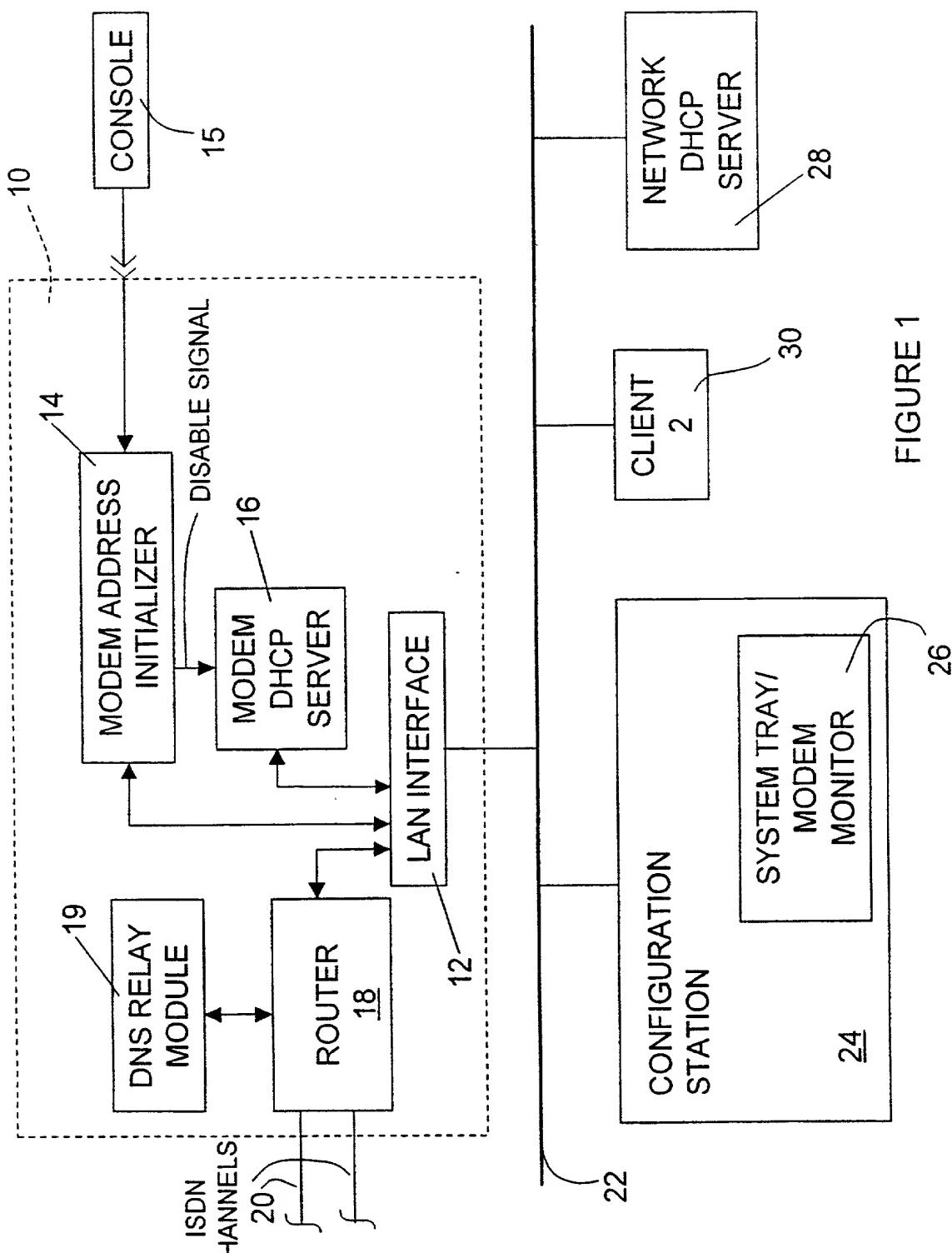
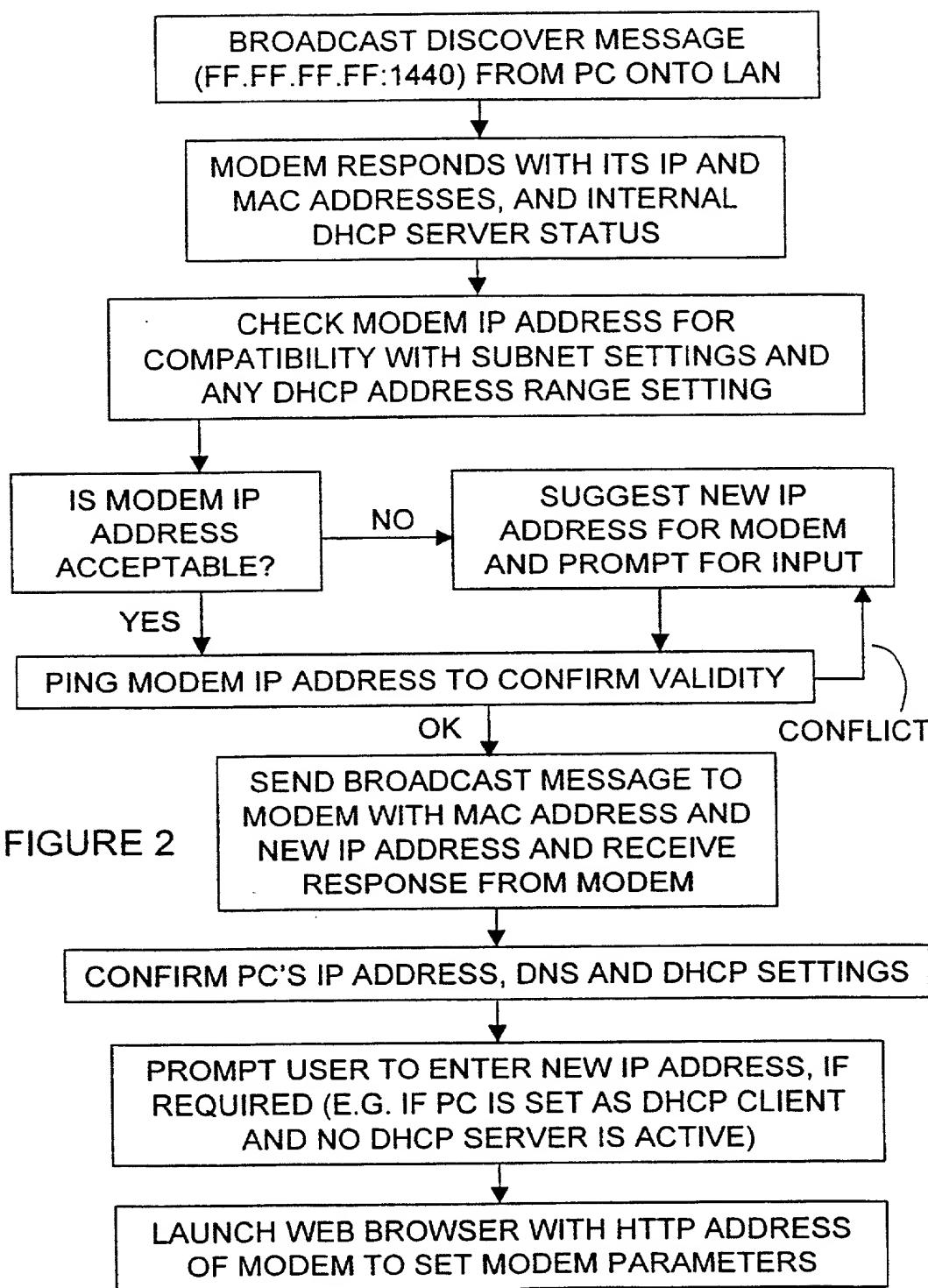


FIGURE 1

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